

## REMARKS

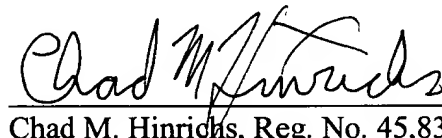
The Applicant has included the full text of all cancelled claims and has changed the prefix to claim 6 from "Previously Amended" to "Previously Presented."

It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. If any other issues remain, a teleconference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. For all of the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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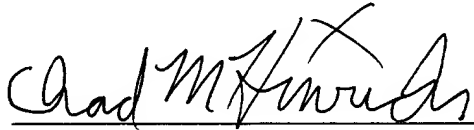
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I hereby certify that the attached AMENDMENT AND OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to:

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On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of ~~July~~<sup>Aug</sup>, 2004.

  
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